

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

--Suppose that, according to the state of art, an element as E2 of the section door is provided in its middle region with a side latch K2, whose end portion is located inside the guide bar and is intended to engage, in its operative position, in a corresponding opening O provided in the vertical branch G1 of the guide bar. When the element E2 during the opening operation of the section door runs across the connection branch G3 of the guide bar, taking the position E3, its latch takes the position K3, which is located outside the guide bar. Should the latch having been retracted only the amount needed for disengaging from the corresponding opening, the end portion thereof would still lie inside the guide bar and, during the said displacement, would interfere with the wall of the guide bar G3. Therefore the latch has to be additionally retracted at least of an amount S (figure 4) corresponding to the thickness of the guide bar. This is the reason for which the latch, according to the state of art, requires a large displacement length, and from the need of this large displacement result the drawbacks pointed out in the preamble.--

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 33 and bridging pages 6 and 7 with the following amended paragraph:

--It is to be remarked that the same phenomenon occurs

in the case that the latch is installed in a position as K2' (not shown), namely outside the guide bar G1 at the side opposite the center of the curved branch G3. On the contrary, this phenomenon does not occur if the latch is installed in a position such as K2" (not shown), namely outside the guide bar G1 at the same side of the center of the curved branch G3. However, this installation position is unfavorable for several technical, economical and aesthetical reasons.